

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JEFFERY GOODSON

Plaintiff,

- against -

**08 CIV 1130**  
**ANSWER**

NEW YORK CITY, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION;  
ROMAN-DAVID TROJANOWSKI, SOCIAL WORKER  
COLLEEN KIERNAN, M.A. ASSISTANT MENTAL HEALTH  
MANAGER

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DAVID VIERA, RPA-C

PETER HERZ, M.D.

ANUMA ULU, M.D.

LAALI A. ALI, M.D.

MATTHEW BARNES, M.D.

BABATONDE FAGBAMIYE, M.D.

**TRIAL BY JURY**  
**DEMANDED**

Defendants.

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Defendant ANUMA ULU, M.D., by his attorneys, HEIDELL, PITTONI,  
MURPHY & BACH, LLP, Of Counsel to MICHAEL A. CARDOZO, ESQ., Corporation  
Counsel of the City of New York, upon information and belief, answers the complaint herein as  
follows:

FIRST: Denies the allegations contained in the paragraphs of the complaint  
designated "1" through "3" insofar as the allegations pertain to the answering defendant.

**AS AND TO THE SECTION DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION**

SECOND: Denies the allegations contained in the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1" through "7" insofar as the allegations pertain to the answering defendant.

**AS AND TO THE SECTION DESIGNATED STATEMENT OF FACTS**

THIRD: Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in the paragraphs of the complaint designated "1," and otherwise begs leave to refer all questions of law to the court and all questions of fact to the trier thereof.

FOURTH: Denies the allegations contained in the paragraph of the complaint designated "2."

**AS AND TO THE SECTION DESIGNATED CONCLUSION**

FIFTH: Denies the allegations contained in that paragraph of the complaint insofar as the allegations pertain to the answering defendant and otherwise begs leave to refer all questions of law to the court and all questions of fact to the trier thereof.

**FOR A FIRST DEFENSE**

SIXTH: That this action was not commenced against defendant until after the expiration of the time period specified in the applicable statute of limitations and any recovery based on the alleged causes of action herein is barred.

**FOR A SECOND DEFENSE**

SEVENTH: That whatever damages may have been sustained at the time and place alleged in the complaint by plaintiff were caused, in whole or in part, by the culpable conduct of plaintiff and without any negligence on the part of defendant. Damages, if any, are to be diminished proportionally to the culpable conduct of the plaintiff.

**FOR A THIRD DEFENSE**

EIGHTH: That as to the cause of action set forth in the complaint based upon alleged failure to obtain an informed consent, defendant pleads the defenses in Public Health Law, Section 2805-d.

**FOR A FOURTH DEFENSE**

NINTH: Plaintiff has failed to mitigate his alleged damages claimed herein.

**FOR A FIFTH DEFENSE**

TENTH: That defendant denies that he is liable in any way to plaintiff under any legal theory because of the doctrine of immunity, whether qualified, sovereign, statutory or otherwise.

**FOR A SIXTH DEFENSE**

ELEVENTH: That plaintiff is not entitled to recover damages in this action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

**FOR A SEVENTH DEFENSE**

TWELFTH: Plaintiff may not properly assert a cause of action against the answering defendant for violation of 42 U.S. C. §1983.

**FOR A EIGHTH DEFENSE**

THIRTEENTH: The occurrence alleged in Plaintiff's complaint was caused, contributed to and brought about, in whole or in part, by the conduct of persons over whom this defendant exercised no supervision or control, including the plaintiff, such conduct amounting to contributory negligence, and the damages and injuries otherwise recoverable by plaintiff, if any, should be diminished in proportion to which such person(s)' conduct bears to the conduct which caused decedent's injuries and damages, if any, pursuant to the decisional and statutory laws of the State of New York and the United States in such cases made and provided.

**FOR A NINTH DEFENSE**

FOURTEENTH: This defendant alleges and states that plaintiff's claim for relief is barred, because plaintiff and plaintiff's representatives assumed the risk and were fully cognizant of any and all circumstances surrounding the events that gave rise to this action.

**FOR A TENTH DEFENSE**

FIFTEENTH: This defendant alleges and states that there were intervening and superseding acts and occurrences over which he had no control and which caused any claimed injuries of plaintiff.

**FOR A ELEVENTH DEFENSE**

SIXTEENTH: That this defendant reserves the right to amend he answer and/or affirmative defenses that may be determined applicable in the future by discovery in this matter.

**FOR A TWELFTH DEFENSE**

SEVENTEENTH: That this defendant denies any and all allegations of plaintiff's complaint not specifically admitted herein.

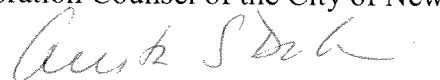
WHEREFORE, defendant ANUMA ULU, M.D., demands judgment dismissing the complaint herein, together with the costs and disbursements of this action.

Dated: New York, New York  
July 30, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

HEIDELL, PITTONI, MURPHY & BACH, LLP  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
  ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK    )

**DIANA GRECEQUET-ALVAREZ**, being sworn, says:

I am not a party to the action, am over 18 years of age and am employed by HEIDELL, PITTONI, MURPHY & BACH, LLP.

On **July 31, 2008**, I served a true copy of the annexed **ANSWER** in the following manner: by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid thereon, in a post-office or official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to the last-known address of the addressee(s) as indicated below:

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DIANA GRECEQUET-ALVAREZ

Sworn to before me this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

MARIE A. DIBIASE  
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